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QUESTION; EKLUND LETTER TO SUPPLIER STATES

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1. IN COURSE OF MEETING AT SOVIET MISSION JANUARY 13
(PARA 6, REF A) I ASKED ARKADIEV WHAT RESPONSE HE THOUGHT
HIS GOVERNMENT WOULD MAKE TO EKLUND'S LETTER TO FOUR
SUPPLIER STATES (TRANSMITTED REF B). ARKADIEV REPLIED
THAT WHILE HE HAD RECEIVED NO INSTRUCTIONS AS YET,
COURSE OF ACTION PROPOSED IN LETTER LOOKED SENSIBLE
TO HIM. DISCUSSIONS HE HAD HAD WITH EKLUND, HE NOTED,
HAD ASSURED HIM THAT AGENCY'S OBJECTIVES IN SETTING UP
PNE UNIT WERE COMPATABLE WITH HIS OWN VIEWS, I.E., AGENCY
HAD NO INTENTION OF MOVING AHEAD TOO QUICKLY ON PNES,
NEW UNIT WOULD SERVE POLITICAL/OPTICAL PURPOSE WHILE AT
SAME TIME MAKING A BEGINNING ON STUDIES CALLED FOR BY
UNGA RESOLUTION.

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2. WITH REGARD EKLUND PROPOSAL FOR MEETING OF FOUR POTENTIAL SUPPLIER STATES IN MID-FEBRUARY, ARKADIEV SAID HE HAD RECOMMENDED AFFIRMATIVE RESPONSE TO MOSCOW BUT HIS PERSONAL VIEW WAS THAT MID-FEBRUARY WAS POSSIBLY TOO SOON TO ENABLE ADEQUATE PREPARATION AND SUGGESTED SOME TIME IN MARCH AS BETTER DATE. HE ALSO THOUGHT PRIOR CONSULTATION AT LEAST BETWEEN US AND USSR MIGHT BE DESIRABLE. ARKADIEV'S VIEWS ON HOW TO APPROACH LEGAL ASPECT OF PNE WERE QUITE SIMILAR TO DEPARTMENT'S POSITION EXPRESSED REFTEL C. HE THOUGHT POTENTIAL SUPPLIER STATES AND AGENCY SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON "THE GENERAL LEGAL PRINCIPLES" WHICH NEED TO BE CONSIDERED IN PROVISION OF PNE SERVICES. THERE WAS NO REASON FOR HURRY IN DRAFTING MODEL AGREEMENTS AND THIS PHASE COULD BE PUT OFF UNTIL LATER. MAIN OBJECTIVE WAS TO HAVE SOMETHING TO PRESENT TO NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE WHICH WOULD SHOW THAT AGENCY WAS WORKING ON THE LEGAL QUESTION. ARKADIEV SAID HE DID NOT UNDERESTIMATE THE COMPLEXITY OF THE LEGAL QUESTIONS WHICH MIGHT TAKE A LONG TIME TO WORK OUT. THERE WAS TIME FOR THIS HOWEVER, SINCE HE FORESAW NO LIKELIHOOD THAT THE AGENCY WOULD BE PRESENTED WITH A SPECIFIC REQUEST FOR PNE SERVICES IN THE PREDICTABLE FUTURE.

3. I SAID, IN RESPONSE TO HIS QUESTION, THAT WE HAD NO INSTRUCTIONS FROM WASHINGTON AS YET ON US REACTION TO THE MID-FEBRUARY MEETING BUT PROMISED TO KEEP IN CLOSE TOUCH ON THE MATTER AND EXCHANGE VIEWS.

4. WE HAVE NO INSIGHT AS TO WHETHER ARKADIEV IS EXPRESSING HIS OWN VIEWS THAT MID-FEBRUARY IS PREMATURE DATE OR WHETHER HE HAS HEARD FROM MOSCOW THAT INTER ALIA MOSCOW PNE NEGOTIATORS MAY BE OTHERWISE ENGAGED. HOWEVER, IF WASHINGTON CAN GET PREPARED IN TIME WE SEE SOME ADVANTAGE TO FEBRUARY MEETING WHERE SUPPLIER STATES COULD PRESENT PRELIMINARY VIEWS ON BASIC LEGAL ISSUES TO AGENCY LEGAL DIVISION. LEGAL DIVISION WOULD THEN HAVE TIME TO PREPARE A PAPER BY MID-APRIL DEADLINE FOR USE IN NPT REVIEW CONFERENCE. POSTPONEMENT TO MARCH WOULD PROVIDE A TIGHT TIME FRAME TO DO AN ADEQUATE JOB.
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WE WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S VIEWS ON THIS POINT.

5. WHENEVER MEETING TAKES PLACE WE WOULD ASSUME US WOULD SEND A LEGAL EXPERT EXPERIENCED IN PNE CONTRACTUAL MATTERS TOGETHER WITH A TECHNICAL EXPERT TO REPRESENT USG IN PNE MEETING AS REQUESTED IN EKLUND LETTER. WE UNDERSTOOD FROM ARKADIEV THAT HE WOULD PROPOSE A COMPARABLE SOVIET DELEGATION.

6. UK MISSION HAS JUST INFORMED US THAT JOHN THOMPSON
WILL BE IN VIENNA ON THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, JAN 16 AND 17,
AND HAS REQUESTED APPOINTMENT WITH ME MORNING OF 16TH.
SINCE THOMPSON MAY WISH TO DISCUSS US RESPONSE TO
EKLUND LETTER, WOULD APPRECIATE ANY PRELIMINARY GUIDANCE
DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE TO BE RECEIVED IN VIENNA MORNING
THURSDAY THE 16TH. PORTER

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